



## Press Release

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### Pennsylvania Red Meat Production Up 11 Percent in April

**HARRISBURG** --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in Pennsylvania during April 2002 totaled 101.4 million pounds, up 11 percent from April 2001, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 109.3 million pounds live weight, was up 13 percent from April 2001. Total head slaughtered was 85,800 up 12 percent; and live weight averaged 1,273 pounds, an increase of 16 pounds. Veal production was 5.31 million pounds live weight, up 6.5 percent. Calf slaughter of 14,000 head was up 11 percent, and average live weight decreased 17 pounds to 379 pounds.

Pork production was 51.3 million pounds live weight, up 8.3 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 208,800, up 5.0 percent, and live weight was 246 pounds, 7 pounds above a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production was 589,000 pounds live weight, down 25 percent. The number slaughtered was 6,000, down 24 percent, and average live weight was unchanged from last year.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in April 2002 totaled 3.90 billion pounds, up 11 percent from the 3.51 billion pounds produced in April 2001.

Beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.19 billion pounds, was 13 percent above the previous year. Veal production, at 16.1 million pounds, was 6 percent above the previous April.

Pork production, at 1.67 billion pounds, was up 9 percent from the previous year and a new record high for April.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.1 million pounds, was down 5 percent from a year earlier.

January-April red meat production was 15.2 billion pounds, 4 percent above the comparable figure a year ago. Using comparable figures from last year, beef production was up 6 percent, veal production was 4 percent lower, pork production was up 2 percent, and lamb and mutton production was 4 percent lower.